(b) whether it is a fact that some of the aggrieved Yoga teachers have threatened to self-immolate if the grievances were not redressed by 15th December, 1998; and

(c) if so, the stand and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The following are the demands of Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh (Jagat) for Yoga Teachers.

(i) Grant of Trained Graduate Teacher Scale.

(ii) Restoration of Teaching Allowance.

(iii) Grant of Senior and Selection Scale.

(iv) TA/DA for attending In-service course.

(v) Supply of Kit.

(b) One Yoga teacher had threatened to self immolate on 23rd November, 1998 if his following grievances were not settled.

(i) Confirmation as Yoga teacher;

(ii) Conversion as Physical Education Teacher; and

(iii) Grant of Selection Scale/Higher Scale of pay etc. he however informed Commissioner on 23.11.98 that he was withdrawing and postponing his self immolation.

(c) There are well defined guidelines/ rules for confirmation and conversion of Yoga teachers and those Yoga teachers who fulfil these requirements are confirmed/converted into Physical Education teacher (PET).

The above referred Yoga teacher has not been confirmed since a disciplinary case is pending against him. He could not be converted into PET as he does not fulfil the requirements.

The demand for granting Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) scales of pay (including Senior and Selection Scale) to eligible Yoga teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is under consideration of the Government. The teaching allowance would stand abolished with effect from 1.1.96 if the TGT scales of pay are granted to Yoga teachers. Further, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have informed that restoration of teaching allowance to Yoga teachers is under examination.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have issued orders for grant of TA/DA for participation of such Yoga teachers who have completed training programme conducted from 2.5.97 to 1.8.97 at Lonawala and from 5.5.98 to 4.8.98 at New Delhi.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have also informed that funds are released for supply of Yoga equipments whenever demand is received.

Affairs of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library

1484. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library has been without a Director since November, 1997 and that an ad-hoc director, who does not have the requisite qualifications, has been routinely functioning against the post, resulting in gradual ebbing of academic activities;

(b) if so, the reasons for not filling up the post in the prestigious institution by appointing a Director of requisite calibre; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to fill up the post on regular basis?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Executive Council of Nehru Memorial museum & Library, in its

meeting held on 27th November, 1997 decided to entrust duties and responsibilities of the Director of tne organization to a Deputy Director till the appointment of a new Director. The matter with regard to the appointment of new Director is in process and the person found suitable will be appointed Director, as per the Rules, in due course.

Role of Education in the growth of economy

1485. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what role does education play in the growth of economy in India and other countries, giving the comparative figures?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): The contribution of education to economic growth is well recognised all over the world. Education is found to be one of the most important factors of economic growth. Several empirical studies conducted to estimate the contribution of education to economic growth have reported that the contribution, *i.e.*, the extent of rate of economic growth explained by education, ranges between 5 per cent in Latin America and 25 per cent in Canada. (the residual is explained by other factors).

In India, recently it was estimated that one year of additional schooling of the workforce would raise output by as much as 23 per cent.

Some estimates referring to a cross-section of countries are given in the statement (*See* below).

Statement

ROLE OF EDUCATION IN THE GROWTH OF ECONOMY

Contribution of Education to Economic Growth

(per cent Growth Rate explained by Education)

Country	Per cent
India	27.00
Canada	25.00
Ghana	23.3
Argentina	16.5
Nigeria	16.0
USA	15.0
Belgium	14.0
Kenya	12.4
Regions (1950-1960s)	
Africa	17.2
Asia	11.1
North America & Europe	8.6
Latin America	5.1

SOURCE:— Human Development in South Asia 1998.

All this is in addition to the significant contribution of education to health, fertility, population growth, and other aspects of social demographic and political development.

केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के कमिश्नर का रिक्त पद

1486. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के कमिश्नर का पद लम्बे समय से रिक्त पड़ा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन के कमिश्नर के पद पर शीघ्र नियुक्ति करने/पद भरने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जाने का विचार है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा० मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) से (ग) आयुक्त, केन्द्रीय विद्यालय संगठन का पद पदधारी अधिकारी का कार्यकाल पूर्ण हो जाने के कारण 16 मई, 1998 से रिक्त हो गया था और शिक्षा विभाग के एक संयुक्त सचिव ने इस पद का अतिरिक्त कार्यभार संभाल रखा है। प्रवरण समिति ने इस पद के लिए नियुक्ति संबंधी अपनी सिफारिशों को अंतिम रूप दे दिया है। मंत्रिमंडल की नियुक्ति संबंधी समिति के अनुमोदनार्थ नियुक्ति की सिफारिश पर कार्यवाही की गई है।